BISCAYNE GARDENS MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BGMAC) MINUTES APRIL 28, 2005

Present: Anne Cates, Vernell Everett, Roger Gordon, Michelle McCook, Cheree Gulley

Meeting called to order by Vernell Everett. Minutes amended by Roger Gordon, second by V. Everett. Next meeting scheduled for 5/12/05 at Biscayne Gardens Elementary School. Representatives from the Parks Dept., QNIP and Special Taxing Districts are also scheduled to attend the MAC meeting on 5/12/05. Public hearing tentatively scheduled for 5/26/05. Ms. Gulley presented written response to questions raised by the board at last BGMAC meeting.

Consultants may be hired within the next twelve weeks. Presently, there are several MACS ahead of Biscayne Gardens who will be using the services of the County approved consultants.

ELECTION - Incorporation election would cost approximately \$39,000.00. If incorporation is successful, municipality pays cost for the election. Additionally, municipality pays for election to approve city charter and election of new city officials. Election cost may be lowered to less than \$2,000.00 if city elections are held on a countywide election date.

PARKS – The three parks located within the proposed boundaries of Biscayne Gardens are Jeb, Oak Grove and Biscayne Gardens Park (in design phase). Parks maintained by roving crew 20 to 26 times per year. In addition to roving crew, Oak Grove has full time attendant to provide higher level of maintenance.

QNIP – (Quality Neighborhood Improvement Program) Current projects for Biscayne Gardens include installation of drainage, road resurfacing and the development of the new Biscayne Gardens Park. If incorporation is successful, County will complete the current phase of each project.

FEMA PROJECTS – Funded projects within Biscayne Gardens boundaries will be completed even if incorporation is successful.

SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICTS – Operates and maintains 381 streets lights within proposed boundaries of Biscayne Gardens and serves 2115 homes and businesses. Average cost of 20% pays the FPL bill. Municipality has option to annul special taxing districts and assume delivery of the street light functions. Costs may be included in the city millage.

MIAMI-DADE POLICE DEPT. - Presentation will be scheduled next MAC meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Roger Gordon, second by Anne Cates.